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(Picture taken in 1980, Mike on steps, center)

Celebrating 46 Years of Service

If you have lived in Wilkes County any amount of time, you are sure to know Mike Hardy. A staple of our community, Mike has served the residents of Washington for over 46 years in the Electric Department. When he started, the Electric department and Water/Sewer department were combined. Mike has done many jobs over the years, to include being a lineman. In 1981 Mike took the place of his father, Lester "Wood" Hardy as Electric Superintendent.

Everyone that works for the City knows if there is something you need to know about the history of Washington and how things happened, Mike is the man to call. "He is my go to person whenever something odd comes up that we have a question about. He has such a good memory on things that happened in the past that answers a lot of why we do things the way we do them", stated City Administrator Bailey. City Clerk, Debbie Danner, has worked with Mike since 1977. When asked her thoughts she replied "He is like a brother to me. He loves a good joke and he gives as good as he gets. But he can also be serious, he knows his job and always does whatever he is asked to do" even if it has nothing to do with the Electric department.

Mike will be honored at a retirement reception in January at the Pope Conference Center.



Mark Your Calendar

January 21st

City's 237 Birthday Gala from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Washington Historical Museum. Tours free all day

February 10th-12th

Revolutionary Days-Living History at Robert Toombs House

March 11th

Miss Wilkes County Pageant

April 1st

Spring Tour of Homes

May 13th

Cruise-In on the Square

June 3rd

BRAG tour and Outdoor Concert

July 3rd

Freedom Fireworks Extravaganza

September 9th

Cruise-In on the Square

October 14th

Mule Day

November 21st

Christmas Tree Lighting / Candlelight Shopping & Snow on the Square

December (All month)

Living History at Robert Toombs House.

December 9th (Date subject to change)

Christmas Parade of Lights and Christmas Tour of Homes with Colonial Dinner

Paying Your Bill On-line is now Free!!

Go to <u>www.cityofwashingtonga.gov</u> and click on the payment services tab. Enjoy the convenience of paying your bill from home at no charge.

PLEASE ADOPT A NEEDY PET



Zoe is a year and ½ old. She is a Dachshund & Chihuahua mix. She weighs 24 lbs. and is a bundle of joy! Please Call 706-678-2287 to adopt her today.

Calendar:

- City Hall will be closed January 2nd
- ❖ The City Council meets January 9th work session at 5:30 p.m. regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.